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In the Application of:  
STEPHEN M. ALLEN ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1162 US DIV

APPLICATION NO.: 09/679,687

GROUP ART UNIT: 1647

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EXAMINER: WEGERT, SANDRA L.

CONFIRMATION NO.: 1467

FOR: SUCROSE TRANSPORTERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an Amendment accompanying the filing of an RCE. A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month up to and including July 5, 2006, is filed simultaneously herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Response** begin on page 3 of this paper.